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Our Parish COMMUNITY

• May 31, 2026

• **The Most Holy Trinity (A)**

• Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 / 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 / John 3:16-18



Good News!

May 31, 2026

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FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The Christian confession of a triune God cannot be explained, it can only be believed. It is not a cop-out to proclaim that this belief is rooted in mystery. Mystery is the essential language and experience of belief. We lose something when we try to explain a mystery instead of embracing it. It may make us uncomfortable; it may provoke more questions than answers. Regardless, it does not suggest the weakness of mystery but rather the beauty, the wonder, and the awe.

Embracing belief and living as a person of faith is a singular journey. You cannot believe for someone else, and that person, even one you dearly love, cannot believe for you. It is also important to understand that as singular as the journey of faith may be, it ultimately ends in community. Belief does not isolate a person, but rather invites a person to connect with others who also walk in faith.

The community/communion of the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is the perfect witness to the truth that mystery creates. One God, three divine persons. The Eucharist that we celebrate on this day proclaims the unity of our belief—to the Father, through the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. •

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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 9:15 AM
St. John of the Cross

Saturday: 6:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 11:00 AM ~ English
6:00 PM ~ Spanish

Daily Mass:

Mon., Tues., & Fri. ~ 8:00 AM
Thurs. (Sp.) ~ 6:00 PM ~

Adoration ~

Thurs. (Sp.) - 6:30PM

1st Saturday Mass: 8:00 AM

Reconciliation

Thursday: 5:30 PM

Saturday: 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Sunday: 5:30PM

Please contact Fr. Patrick by phone or email if you need to make an appointment for Confession or **Anointing of the Sick.**

Parish Office Hours

St. John of the Cross

Mon., Tues., Wed., and Thurs.

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

CLOSED FOR LUNCH

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

OFFICE IS CLOSED

Fri., Sat., & Sun.

Worship & Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun.-May 31 The Most Holy Trinity	9:15 AM † Dcn. Jim Culpepper (Heavenly birthday) by Family † Phyllis Toler by Charles Toler Birthday blessings for B. Carlson by Robert & Nancy Vial People of the Parish
Sun.-June 7 The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	9:15 AM † Carin T. Hardoin by Robert & Nancy Vial † Phyllis Toler by Charles Toler Altar & Rosary Society on their Communion Sunday People of the Parish

PRAYER LIST

May He bless all who are in need of His strength, especially:

Ana Culpepper, Henry Garrett, Kenton Heider, Paula Heider, Gerald Lindsey, Melba Malik, Cheryl Marshall, Adrian Nunez, Daniel Nunez, Phillip Torres, Paige Trevino, Adolfo Trevino, and Bo Weaver

Praying for expecting mothers and their babies:
Mama Cecilia, Ricki Rodriguez Choat, and Celina Garcia

Please contact the parish office for any additions or deletions.



Praying for our Military

We remember these service personnel in each 'Mass for the Families of the Parish'

Air Force: Vincent Gordon, Preston Holliday, Christopher Lauer II, Alayah Moore, Deborah Thomas, Audry Winstead

Army: Father Jim Craig, Magdeleena Delaney, Celine De Los Santos, Allen McDonald, Jacob Madrid, Eduardo Enrique Perales, Robert Ponce, Fernando Ramos III, Anthony Rios, Tyree Winstead

Coast Guard: Corey Bunton and Joshua Salinas

Marines: Aurora Alarcon, Hunter Frees, and Andre Rodriguez

Navy: Cory Elyasevich, Diane Martinez, Aubrey McCown, Andrew Saenz, Robert Silva, and Noah Vasquez



ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY!

Please call the parish office or use the online form to submit names & branch of service.

1. Go to www.st-johnog.org
2. hover mouse on ABOUT tab
3. click on 'Active Military Prayer Request'

Stewardship of Treasure

PREVIOUS WEEK	05/17/2026	CURRENT WEEK	05/24/2026
Collection	\$619.26	Collection	\$613.00
Religious Education/ VBS	\$111.00		

2026 Bishop's Stewardship Appeal ~ The SFoA BSA goal is \$2,811 of which \$1,875 has been pledged. With a projected \$560 recurring gift, SFoA has a total of \$2,435 expected pledge & recurring gifts. That is 87% of the diocesan goal with 9% of the parish participating in the 2026 BSA.



Parish Organizations

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 5 @ 2PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 8335  NEXT MEETING: JUNE 2

Rosary: 6:40 PM at the KOC Building Men 18 yrs. & older are welcome

CASA DE LUCY MEETS ON TUESDAYS @ 9AM.

Casa de Lucy Helping Hands Quilting Ministry sews Prayer Quilts for the terminally / critically ill persons needing prayers. Please contact the office if you know anyone in need of a quilt.

Works of Mercy

Loom Kitting ~ Parishioners are invited to meet in the SJoC parish hall on Mondays at 9AM to knit hats for patients at Driscoll Children's Hospital Oncology Department. Contact the parish office or Bertha Forbes for more information.

The next bread and pastries distributions will be at 9AM at **SJoC** on **Wednesday, June 10**, and at **St. Francis** on **Saturday, June 27**.



Coastal Bend Food Bank distributions at 9AM at **St. John of the Cross** on **Thursday, July 2**, and at **St. Francis of Assisi** on **Saturday, June 27**.



Father Patrick is retiring!



Join us in saying, “farewell,” to Father Patrick as he gains his **FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE** in retiring after 50 years of service to the Diocese of Corpus Christi with a potluck luncheon on Sunday, June 28, after the 11AM Mass, in the SJoC parish hall. Parish organizations will be asked to contribute to the celebration.



Parishioners are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share with our parish family. More details to come.

Religious Education



Just as Mary and Joseph fulfilled the responsibility of teaching their son Jesus their faith, so too must each of us contribute to teaching our Catholic faith to the youth of our parish.

Our parishioners need to be aware of the realities of our current situation in preparing for the 2026-2027 year of religious education at St. John of the Cross.

At this time there are not enough teachers for every grade level, as TWO teachers are required for EVERY classroom, and if these roles are not filled, some grades of religious education cannot be offered next year.

Committed Catholics who have received all of their sacraments and are living out these sacraments daily are needed to teach our youth the traditions of the Catholic Church.

If you feel God’s call to serve in this ministry, please call the parish office to find out more about how you can help our religious education program. (361-384-2795)

All volunteers MUST be Safe Environment certified through the Diocese of Corpus Christi.

The future of our religious education program really depends upon YOU!

Save the dates: Registration for the 2026-27 religious education program will take place on Wednesday, August 26, and Sunday, August 30.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS CHURCH VBS

JULY 20–24,
5:30PM–8:00 PM



GRADES:
KINDER –FIFTH

Please contact the parish office if you can help with our VBS program.

Group leaders are needed for each grade level.

**PICK UP A
REGISTRATION
FORM IN THE
CHURCH FOYER OR
PARISH OFFICE**

Community



The Coastal Bend Blood Center Mobile Bank will be at St. John on Sunday, June 21, from 8AM—1PM. All donors will receive a t-shirt and a Blue Bell Ice Cream voucher, and all donors between June 1—21, could be a winner of a \$1000 Southwest Airlines Gift card and a \$500 AirBnB Gift card or a \$500 Southwest Gift card.

Appointments are highly recommended, but walk-ins are welcome.

Scan the QR code to schedule your life-saving donation today!



Journey to Damascus (JTD) is a 3-day Christian weekend for those who want to deepen their relationship with God, strengthen their faith, and experience true Christian brother/sisterhood. It is open to all denominations and centers on renewal through prayer, reflection, and community. **JTD** is for those seeking a stronger foundation in Christ and deeper unity with other believers.

It is for those who: want to grow spiritually, need time away from distractions to reconnect with God, value community, faith, and encouragement.

The weekend is full physically, emotionally, and spiritually, so pilgrims should set aside outside responsibilities and come ready to be present.

The upcoming 2026 Weekend Schedule is

Men's:

June 18-21

September 17-20

Women's:

July 30—August 2

October 15-18



Weekends are held at OLCC Campus on Lantana and the Weekend Fees are \$225 (assistance is available for those with need).

More information can be found at www.journeytodamascus.org or contact Bud Coldwell @ (361) 779-1971.

America will celebrate her 250th birthday this summer!

St. John of the Cross would like to extend sincere thanks to military service members actively serving as well as those veterans who have served.

Care packages will organized and delivered to our parishioners serving in the military. Items requested include travel-size body wash, shampoo and deodorant, as well as chocolate-FREE snacks, reading material, puzzle books, and prayer cards. Please bring donated items to the parish office by June 18 so the packages can be delivered by July 4, 2026.



We will have Mass celebrated for our veterans and active service members on July 4, at 8AM, at St. John of the Cross.

Please contact the parish office to provide a mailing address for your service member or veteran.

Liturgy & Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request – please call the office. Any person who is sick (either homebound or in the hospital) or about to have surgery, is encouraged to receive Anointing of the Sick. As current Federal Law prohibits hospitals from the release of any patient's name. Father will not know you are in the hospital unless you call the office.

Baptisms of Infants: (0 to 5 yrs.): Please bring the child's civil birth certificate to the parish office to register the child, their parents & the Godparents for the one-hour Pre-Baptismal Preparation Class. Godparents must be able to provide Certificates for Catholic Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation, & if married, Marriage Certificate in the Catholic Church. Donation for the class and Baptism is \$30.00, for the class only is \$15.00. Date & time for the Baptism is scheduled after attending the Baptismal Class.

Confessions: The Sacrament of Reconciliation (or Confessions) is available on Thursday from 5:30 PM—6:00 PM and on Saturdays from 5:00 PM—5:30 PM and at any time by appointment with the Priest.

Quinceañeras: The honoree and their family must be registered and participating in the parish for two years prior to the year of the Quinceañera (or Quinceañero). The young person must have Baptism & Communion in the Catholic Church, & be attending the parish Religious Education Program. The family is strongly encouraged to contact the Church for **2 years** before the intended date.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made with the priest or deacon, preferably one year before the intended date, (minimum of six months in advance) to complete the necessary requirements. At least one person must be an active and registered member of this parish. No wedding date is guaranteed until ALL diocesan requirements have been fulfilled.

Blessing of Civil Marriages – If you were married before a judge, or a non-Catholic minister, and wish to be readmitted to Holy Communion, there needs to be a Blessing of your Civil Marriage. Please call the parish office and set up an appointment with Father Patrick so he can hear your particular situation and can guide you through the process. Father Patrick is always saying “Don't wait! Start the process NOW!”

Diocesan News

High School Leadership Retreat ~ Applications are now available for the upcoming High School Diocesan Leadership program and retreat. The retreat will be on June 8th and 9th at Our Lady of Corpus Christi. The cost is \$30 per person.

Apply at <https://form.jotform.com/communicationsdofcc/leadership-liability>



Father Walsh's Summer Camp—designed for adults 10 yrs. and up with a special ability, blind, deaf, or hard of hearing.

June 9 –11

9:00AM—2:00PM

Check-in & Breakfast: 9:00AM

St. John Paul High School

Register at



Registration ends May 15

Father Walsh's VBS— a fun-filled day of adventure and faith, designed for children ages 4-13 with a special ability, blind, deaf, or hard of hearing.

June 12

9:00AM—2:00PM

Check-in & Breakfast: 9:00AM

St. John Paul High School

Register at

<https://catholiccharities-cc.org/vbs>

World Youth Day—Seoul, South Korea—All young adults (18-39 years old) are invited to join the Diocese of Corpus Christi on pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea for World Youth Day with Pope Leo XIV!

There will be an **Info Night on Saturday, June 27th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Parish Hall** (7522 Everhart Rd., Corpus Christi). Full package, cost, and pilgrimage leaders will be presented. Please check diocesan social media for updates coming soon!

To help sponsor a young adult pilgrim from your parish, please contact the Office of Young Adult Ministry: soconnor@diocesecc.org.



EMBRACING THE COMMISSION

A DAY OF FORMATION FOR PARISH SCHOOL, CATECHETICAL, AND MINISTRY LEADERS

Pastors, deacons, parish staff, catechetical leaders, faith formation leaders, and all ministry leaders are invited to join us for a day of formation and renewal focused on the Church's call to evangelization and missionary discipleship.

Topics will include:

The Great Commission and the Evangelical Sequence, Sent: Engaging Inactive Parishioners, G.O.S.P.E.L.: An Introduction to the Kerygma, and Resources for Embracing the Great Commission

This free seminar will be hosted by the Augustine Institute in partnership with the Diocese of Corpus Christi and will take place on **Tuesday, June 30** from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church.



LEARN MORE
& REGISTER



SAVE THE DATE ~ CAMP ROOTED, Diocesan camp, will be held July 9th through July 11th at the Spirit Center. The cost to participate is \$75. Registration details are coming soon.

This will be an amazing experience and parish youth leaders are encouraged to bring their groups of teens to be a part of this gathering that will focus on leadership, fellowship, and faith.

Save the Date: Celebration of Charity Give from the Heart Guest speaker: Bishop Mario Avilés

Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi invites you to **Celebration of Charity** - an inspiring evening celebrating compassion in action and the strength of our community.

The event will take place on **Thursday, September 24, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hilliard Center, 1901 N. Shoreline Blvd.** in Corpus Christi. Guests will enjoy a beautiful evening of fellowship, stories of impact, and a renewed call to serve with love and purpose.

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Live Streaming

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHEDRAL:

Sunday 9:30AM (ENG)

and 11:00 AM (SPA)

Available at: KDF-TV Ch 47 (9:30AM only),
KLUX 89.5HD, or Diocese of CC Website

Dear Padre,

During Mass, is it proper for the faithful to raise our hands when pronouncing the words, “For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever”?


When the priest and people offer the Our Father together to God, the presider assumes an ancient posture of prayer, known as the *orans*—with arms extended and palms opened upward. After the Lord’s Prayer, the priest keeps his hands extended and says alone the embolism (“Deliver us, Lord...”). At the end, he joins his hands, and the people acclaim, “For the kingdom...” This acclamation is meant to be the people’s response to the embolism, and the priest remains silent for it. It would appear unnecessary for the faithful to now extend their hands during this acclamation—especially when it’s a response to an embolism prayer that just called for the presider to have extended his own hands and now has them joined together.

Although the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* doesn’t mention a specific congregational hand posture during this acclamation, it speaks in favor of “what serves the common spiritual good of the People of God, rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice,” stating that a common bodily posture “is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the sacred Liturgy: it both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants” (*GIRM* 42). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

To those in power, I repeat: listen to the voice of conscience! The apparent victories achieved with weapons, which sow death and destruction, are in reality defeats and never bring peace or security! God does not want war, he wants peace, and he strengthens those who are committed to leaving behind the spiral of hatred and taking the path of dialogue.

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

June 1

St. Justin, Martyr

2 Pt 1:2-7

Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday

June 2

Weekday

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18

Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday

June 3

St. Charles Lwanga and

Companions, Martyrs

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12

Mk 12:18-27

Thursday

June 4

Weekday

2 Tm 2:8-15

Mk 12:28-34

Friday

June 5

St. Boniface, Bishop

and Martyr

2 Tm 3:10-17

Mk 12:35-37

Saturday

June 6

Weekday

2 Tm 4:1-8

Mk 12:38-44

Sunday

June 7

The Most Holy Body

and Blood of Christ

(Corpus Christi)

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a

1 Cor 10:16-17

Jn 6:51-58

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